

RAIL VALUATION MAY BE DOUBLED

Equalization Board Takes Tentative Action; Others Are Hit

TO PROTEST OIL TAX

Tidy to Meet in Tulsa on April 24; Tax Rolls to Be Greatly Swelled

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 10.—A nominal increase of \$102,600,000 in the amount of oil taxes imposed by the state board of equalization was voted yesterday by the state board of equalization. Representatives of the roads will be admitted to appear on May 1 for hearing on the 50 per cent increase in the amount on which the roads were ordered to pay taxes at that time permanent valuation will be fixed.

The measure adopted today offends railroad owners in order to make the railroads to submit figures showing what the correct valuation should be.

In the case of one railroad, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Apache Carter county—it was found that the valuation submitted was far higher than was far in excess of the valuation returned by the tax collector.

Assessors for a number of cities complained that railroads had been paying thousands of dollars extra by making small returns for their property in townships when properly the taxes should be made to adjusting cities.

The board then directed that county clerks certify to the board the location of property in dispute.

To Meet in Tulsa.

The proposed increases of from 50 to 100 per cent on the existing valuations of electric light, gas, pipeline and telephone companies, operating within the state, small telephone companies, however, were for the most part allowed to remain at their present valuation.

The next meeting of the board will be held April 24, when representatives of the Exchange Oil Company, with headquarters at Tulsa, will appear to argue against the payment of tax on the premium price on

No Vote on Smoot's Status.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—After three and a half hours' debate the Senate recessed without taking a vote on the question of the eligibility of Senator Smoot of Utah and Representative Burton of Ohio, to serve as members of the World War debt commission, while remaining as members of congress.

LEGALS

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RESOLUTION.

A Resolution determining assessments and directing notice to be taken in STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 245, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City Engineer on the 10th day of April, 1922, submitted to the board his written statement, naming the name of the owners, the location of the property and a description of the property and estimate of the total cost of the improvements to be assessed against the abutting property and the total estimated amount to be assessed against the abutting property and the same is correct and in conformity to law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma;

The said statement and the same be and is hereby directed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is determined of this Board as follows: That the property described in said STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 245, with the improvements thereto and appurtenant thereto, be and is hereby assessed to the payment of any Western construction tax for the construction of street improvements as provided in Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Tulsa; and

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